

Hybrid Meeting of the Jackson Public School District
Board of Trustees
621 South State Street, Jackson, MS 39201
Tuesday, April 19, 2022
5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Dr. Ed Sivak, President
Barbara Hilliard, Vice-President
Dr. Robert Luckett, Secretary
Cynthia Thompson, Member
Frank Figgers, Member
Letitia S. Johnson, Member
Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Member

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

Dr. Errick L. Greene, Superintendent
Dr. Michael Cormack, Deputy Supt.
Hon. Dorian Turner, Board Attorney
Larriisa Moore, Esq., DGC
William Merritt, Chief of Staff
Margaret Purnell, Interim CFO
Dr. Kathleen Grigsby, Elem. Asst. Supt.
Laketia Thomas, High School Asst. Supt.
Sherwin Johnson, Communications
Dr. Marvin Grayer, MS Asst. Supt.

Secretary to the Board

Rosalind Williams

- I. Call to Order: Dr. Ed Sivak, Board President, called the Regular Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District to order on April 19, 2022, at 5:33 P. M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as six (6) members, namely, President Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Robert Luckett, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, and Cynthia Thompson were present. **Frank Figgers joined the meeting at 5:57 p.m.**
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Dr. Luckett moved that the Board adopt the agenda as presented; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, and Dr. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes
 - a. April 5, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve the minutes as presented; Barbara Hilliard moved; Dr. Luckett seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, and Dr. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- V. Superintendent's Report
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Policy Issues:
 - a. Georgia Coran requested to address the Board to discuss the reasons for putting children first.
 - b. Mr. McInnis requested to address the Board to discuss the sale of Rowan.
 - c. Dr. Ivory Phillips requested to address the Board to discuss un-used JPS facilities.
 - d. Monica Cannon-Butler requested to address the Board regarding vacant schools in Midtown.
 - e. Nick Wallace requested to address the Board regarding vacant school buildings.
 - f. Ronica Smith requested to address the Board regarding Midtown school.
 - g. Charlie Clark requested to address the Board regarding not leasing Rowan.
 - h. Baba Lukata requested to address the Board to discuss the building acquisition issue.
 - i. Senator Norwood requested to address the Board in support of not transferring the sale of the property (Rowan).
- VII. Information Items Only:
 - a. Board Member Reports
 - b. Review of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Mississippi Department of

Health and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD)

- c. Review of Various Policies for Amendment/Creation/Deletion: GACO/KN - Possession of Weapons on School Grounds or at School Activities, GBEA - Contracts and Agreements for Employees, JA - Student Policy Goals, JAAB - Student Eligibility to Participate in JPS Extra-Curricular Programs, JBEG - Concussion Management and Return to Play, JBM - Permission to Leave School Before Closing Hour, JBP - Student Withdrawal from School, JBR - Certificate for Completion of Prescribed Program, JCB - Student Conduct, JCBAAA - Student Use of Electronic Devices JCD - School Searches, JCG - Membership in Fraternities, Sororities, and Secret Societies, JCM - Student Smoking, JCR - Homeless Children and Youth, JDI - Transportation to and from School (Student Transportation), JDJ - Student Conduct on School Buses, JDK - Transportation to Special Events, JFE - Student Awards, JK - Dropout Prevention, JKB - Academic Achievement
- d. Review of School Improvement Benchmark Results for SAR (Schools-at-Risk) Identified Schools Mississippi Department of Education

VIII. Information/Action Items:

- a. Approval of the Revised 2021-2022 Academic Calendar: The Board voted to approve item a; Dr. Luckett moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Hairston, and Letitia Johnson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of the Terms of Service with K 12 Insight and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item b; Frank Figgers moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of School Improvement Funding Application FY22 SIG 1003(g) Funds Mississippi Department of Education: The Board voted to approve item c; Dr. Hairston moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- d. Approval of Agreement for the Purchase and Installation of Air Disinfection Systems for JPS Schools and Buses: The Board voted to approve item d; Dr. Luckett moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- e. Approval of Amendment to Duvall Decker for the Lake Hico Environmental Assessment, Land Use, and Development Study: The Board voted to approve item e; Dr. Luckett moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Hairston, and Letitia Johnson; votes cast against the motion: Frank Figgers. **PASSED**
- f. Approval of the Revised Lease Agreement between Midtown Partners, Inc. for Rowan Middle School Building and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to table item f; Dr. Luckett moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Hairston, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: Frank Figgers. **PASSED**
- g. Approval of Monthly Financials for the Period Ended March 31, 2022: The Board voted to approve item g; Barbara Hilliard moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

Figgers seconded the motion to close the meeting to consider entering into an executive session. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Figgers moved, and Dr. Hairston seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to deliberate upon the superintendent's recommendation of termination of Dana Gentry. The motion was unanimously approved.

At that point, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard recused themselves and left the meeting.

In executive session, the board deliberated upon the superintendent's recommendation of termination of Dana Gentry. The board's findings and decision are set out in the order attached to these minutes as Exhibit ____.

There being no further business to address in executive session, Dr. Lockett moved, and Frank Figgers seconded the motion, to exit executive session. The motion was unanimously approved.

Back in open session, Dr. Lockett then moved, and Frank Figgers seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. That motion was unanimously approved.



Ed Sivak, Board President

May 4, 2022

Date



Robert Lockett, Board Secretary

May 3, 2022

Date

- h. Approval of License Agreement Extension for Entergy Mississippi, LLC: The Board voted to approve item h; Dr. Luckett moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

IX. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Approval of Various Donations: The Board voted to approve item a. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Letitia Johnson, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of Various Budgets for FY 2021-2022: The Board voted to approve item b. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Letitia Johnson, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of the Accounts Payable Claims Docket and the Ratification of the Travel and Activity Funds Claims for the Period of March 26, 2022 through April 8, 2022: The Board voted to approve item c. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Letitia Johnson, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- d. Approval of Recommendation to Dispose of Surplus Property: The Board voted to approve item d. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Letitia Johnson, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- e. Approval of the Rescission of Bid 3202 Request for Proposal for Biometric Scanners and Software Program: The Board voted to approve item e. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Letitia Johnson, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- f. Approval for Contract Adjustment CO #1 Hughes Field Track and Field Renovations Office of Facilities Operations: The Board voted to approve item f. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Letitia Johnson, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

X. Consent Agenda Items - General:

- a. Approval of the Rental Agreement between Jackson Public Schools and the MS Department of Agriculture 2022 High School Graduation Exercises High School Division: The Board voted to approve item a. Dr. Hairston motioned; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

XI. Consent Agenda Items - Personnel:

- a. Approval of Staff Personnel Matters: The Board voted to approve Staff Personnel as presented. Dr. Luckett motioned; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

XII. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: Dr. Luckett moved, and Frank